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H. RES. ____

Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes.

1. Provides for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 976.
2. Makes in order a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce to concur in each of the Senate amendments with the respective amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution.
3. Waives all points of order against the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.
4. Provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read.
5. Provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI, a single motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or his designee that the House concur in each of the Senate amendments with the respective amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 976

The amendment reauthorizes the Children's Health Insurance Program, investing an additional \$35 billion over five years for CHIP's financing and health insurance coverage for low-income children. The amendment provides that dental coverage should be available to children enrolled in CHIP. The amendment provides coverage to pregnant women as a new state option as well as preserving the options to cover them through a state waiver or through regulation. The amendment prohibits new waivers to cover parents in the CHIP program. States that have received waivers to cover low-income parents under CHIP will be allowed to transition parents into a separate block grant.

The amendment retains the current law prohibition of waivers to allow coverage of childless adults. Currently covered childless adults will transition off CHIP. For states that have received CHIP waivers to cover childless adults, the amendment terminates those waivers after a one-year period, provides temporary Medicaid funding for already-enrolled adults, and allows states to apply for a Medicaid waiver for coverage.

Under the financing structure, states that face a funding shortfall and meet enrollment goals will receive an adjustment payment to ensure that no child who is eligible for Medicaid or CHIP is denied coverage or placed on a waiting list. The formula also sets in place new overall caps on federal funding to ensure the program's expenditures do not exceed the amounts authorized.

The amendment provides \$100 million in grants for new outreach activities to states, local governments, schools, community-based organizations, safety-net providers and others. The amendment establishes a new quality child health initiative to develop and implement quality measures and improve state reporting of quality data. Finally, the amendment allows states to offer a premium assistance subsidy for qualified, cost-effective employer-sponsored coverage to children eligible for CHIP and who have access to such coverage.